GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:193
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2008
FACILITIES FOR INDIAN WOMEN HOCKEY PLAYERS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

the details of facilities provided/being provided to women hockey players to compete with players from various countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 193 FOR REPLY ON 12-3-2008 BY SHRI SWADESH CHAKRABORTY AND SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH REGARDING FACILITIES FOR INDIAN WOMEN HOCKEY PLAYERS

The primary responsibility for the development and promotion of various sports disciplines vests in the National Sports Federations concerned. The Government supplements their efforts by providing financial assistance for holding national/international events in India, procurement of equipment, training & participation of Indian sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, training/coaching in India under both Indian and foreign Coaches with requisite technical and scientific back-up, as per their agreed Long Term Development Plan.

The Indian Women's Hockey Federation (IWHF), being the federation concerned in case of Hockey (Women), has been provided financial assistance as per the details given below during last 3 years under the Scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federations':

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Amount Released
2004-05	110.35
2005-06	78.81
2006-07	111.64
2007-08(As on 29-2-2008)	153.46

In addition, the Sports Authority of India has organized national coaching camps for Sub-junior, junior and senior teams. These coaching camps were organized on a full-time basis with all logistical assistances such as scientific support, medical support, sports kits, board & lodging etc. Audio visual gadgets are also provided to enable the coaches to evaluate and analyze the performance of the campers in the Coaching Camps. During 2007-08, 9 Coaching Camps for 161 days have been organized and an expenditure of Rs. 28.65 lakhs has been incurred till February, 2008 on this account.

Further, Government have approved the Federation's proposal for the engagement of a foreign coach for the national women hockey team and men under the age of 21 for a period of one year. A short term coach from the Netherlands was also engaged to train women hockey players for 15 days.